

The Battle of Antietam

154th Anniversary Programs



The Battle of Antietam will be commemorated September 16-18 and 24-25, 2016. A full schedule of tours, hikes, talks and living history programs will be offered by park staff and volunteers exploring the events that unfolded during and after the Maryland Campaign of 1862. For those posting to social media, use the hashtags: #anti1862nps, #FindYourPark, #NPS100

Friday, September 16th

Prelude to Battle	A short battlefield hike that will look at what happened on the afternoon and evening of September 16, 1862	Visitor Center	6:00	90 minutes
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Saturday, September 17th

Sunrise at Antietam	Experience sunrise on the morning of the 154th Anniversary. For those that can not attend, we will broadcast live on www.facebook.com/antietamnps	Tour Stop 4	6:45	45 minutes
Ranger Guided Driving Tours	Car caravan tour of the battlefield. Follow the ranger in your vehicle to three stops.	Visitor Center	10:00 1:30	2 1/2 hours
Youth Tent	Visit the youth tent for kids and family activities.	Visitor Center	10:00-3:00	
Orientation Talks	Overview of the Maryland Campaign.	Visitor Center	12:00, 2:00, 4:00	30 minutes
Weapon Firing Demonstrations	Living history program demonstrating artillery and infantry.	Visitor Center	11:00 1:00 3:00	45 minutes
Battlefield Hikes	Five hikes at key areas of the park following the battle as it unfolded.			
♦Battle for the Cornfield		Tour Stop 4	8:30	Each hike is 1/2 mile to 1 mile & lasts about 90 minutes
♦Massacre in the West Woods		Visitor Center	10:00	
♦Struggle for the Sunken Road		Visitor Center	11:30	
♦Attack and Defense of the Burnside Bridge		Tour Stop 9	2:00	
♦The Final Attack		Tour Stop 9	3:30	

Sunday, September 18th

Ranger Guided Driving Tours	Car caravan tour of the battlefield. Follow the ranger in your vehicle to three stops.	Visitor Center	10:00 1:30	2 1/2 hours
Youth Tent	Visit the youth tent for kid and family	Visitor Center	10:00-3:00	
Orientation Talks	Overview of the Maryland Campaign.	Visitor Center	12:00, 2:00, 4:00	30 minutes
Weapon Firing Demonstrations	Living history program demonstrating artillery and infantry.	Visitor Center	11:00 1:00	45 minutes
Battlefield Hikes				
♦Explore the battle and the paintings of Captain James Hope		Visitor Center	9:45	Each hike is about a mile & lasts about 90 minutes
♦Photography at Antietam		Visitor Center	11:45	
♦Artillery at Antietam		Visitor Center	1:45	

Saturday and Sunday, September 24th and 25th

This weekend is dedicated to the aftermath of the Battle.

Orientation Talks	Overview of the Maryland Campaign	Visitor Center	9:30, 12:30	30 minutes
Civil War Photography	Demonstration of the wet plate photographic process that was used by Alexander Gardner to record the aftermath of the Battle of Antietam	Just outside the Visitor Center	10:15, 1:00	45 minutes
United States Sanitary Commission	Living history volunteers will tell the story of the Commission and the role it played in improving the life of the common soldier	Dunker Church	11:00, 1:45	45 minutes
Aftermath Walk	Join a Ranger to learn about the impact of the battle on the community and the soldiers who fought here.	Visitor Center	2:00	45 minutes
National Cemetery Walk	Learn about the establishment of Antietam National Cemetery and the soldiers who are buried there.	National Cemetery, Tour Stop 11	3:00	45 minutes